(b) how many States have banned the practice of human pulling rickshaws;

(c) whether Government have extended its assistance to such States to rehabilitate these rickshaw pullers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Allocation under various schemes for disabled

2432. SHRI SATISH CHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of disabled persons in the country with State-wise break-up;

(b) the total allocation made by Central Government and State Governments under various schemes for the benefit of disabled alongwith actual release and utilisation of funds provided for the last five years and impact thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken fresh initiatives in formulating effective package and provide adequate financial provision for the benefit of disabled in the country alongwith details thereof;

(d) whether Government are considering strengthening/restructuring administrative organisation-dealing with various types of disabled persons; and

(e) if so, the details of action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) A Sample survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation in 1991 covering four disabilities — visual, hearing, speech and locomotor estimated that there are about 16.15 million disabled persons constituting about 1.9% of the total population of the country. As regards mental retardation in a sample survey conducted by NSSO in 1991 for persons in the age group upto 14 years, it was estimated that about 3% suffer from delayed mental development.

(b) Against the total budget allocation (Plan) of Rs. 281.04 crores, the total amount of Rs. 201.62% crores have been released by this Ministry under various schemes for the benefit of disabled persons during the last 5 years. Details are given in Statement (see below). The impact thereof was satisfactory. The requisite information from the State Govts./UT Admns. is awaited.

(c) The National Handicapped Finance & Development Corporation has been set up to function as an apex financial institution for providing financial assistance to disabled persons for their economic growth and development through self-employment and education.

(d) and (e) At present there is no proposal in this regard.

Statement

(Rs. in Crores)

Year	Budget Allocation	Release
1993-94	40.90	27.46
1994-95	41.90	41.91
1995-96	45.90	39.39
1996-97	45.90	36.21
1997-98	106.44	56.65
TOTAL:	281.04	201.62

Share Capital of NSFDC

2433. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the authorised share capital of National Scheduled Castes and Scheduled